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## San Diego Increases Minimum Wage

*By Council President Todd Gloria*

The San Diego City Council approved an ordinance I proposed increasing the minimum wage in the city to \$11.50 per hour and providing workers the opportunity to earn sick leave. The measure passed by a vote of 6 to 3.

The new \$11.50 minimum wage will be phased in through 2017 with indexing to inflation starting on January 1, 2019. On January 1, 2015, the wage will increase to \$9.75. It will move to \$10.50 on January 1, 2016, and reach \$11.50 on January 1, 2017. The ordinance includes no exemptions for any industry or business.

The Center on Policy Initiatives estimated that 279,000 workers will now earn sick leave. The Center on Wage and Employment Dynamics at UC Berkeley also analyzed the proposal and determined it will result in raises for at least 172,000 San Diegans. Further, the number of San Diegans receiving raises could be as high as 214,000 in 2017.

On average, the raises will add \$1,400 per year to the paychecks of employees now making minimum wage or slightly above it, resulting in an additional \$260 million per year going into the pockets of low-income San Diegans, which they are expected to spend on necessities like food, shelter, and clothing, benefiting the local economy.

The Center on Wage and Employment Dynamics, which specializes in estimating the impacts of local and state wage proposals, detailed additional impacts of the San Diego measure in its analysis. An estimated 60% of people working in the local food services industry will get a raise by January 1, 2017, a larger proportion than in any other industry. In sheer numbers, the retail trade industry will account for the most raises.

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## Mid-City Safety Update

*By Council President Todd Gloria*

On July 23 I had the opportunity to join more than 100 concerned neighbors at the North Park Community Association's (NPCA) monthly forum at the Lafayette Hotel to discuss the recent attacks in and near North Park. I offer my support to the residents and businesses. I know that these crimes are solvable with your help.

These attacks are being taken very seriously by me, the San Diego Police Department, and other leaders. I appreciate the participation of State Assembly Speaker Toni Atkins, SDPD Mid-City Captain David Nisleit, SDPD Lieutenant Andra Brown, and SDPD Community Relations Officer Jenny Hall at the forum and want to bring everyone up to date with the latest information.

There have been five attacks in the North Park, City Heights, and Normal Heights communities with very similar circumstances, all involving women walking alone in the evening hours, all of whom were

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## 35 New Parking Spaces for Hillcrest and Mission Hills

Council President Todd Gloria and community members cut the ribbon on 35 new parking spaces in the neighborhood of Hillcrest on July 31. The lot is located at the site of the future Hillcrest-Mission Hills library on the southwest corner of Washington Street and Front Street.

To address parking challenges in the communities of Hillcrest and Mission Hills, and to make better use of City property, Council President Gloria worked with City staff and community members to allow for public use of 35 spaces until construction on the new library begins, likely in Spring 2016. The lot is open 24 hours per day and includes two accessible blue zone spaces and safety lighting. The fees are reasonably set at \$0.50 per hour with a maximum parking time of 12 hours.

In Council President Gloria's time representing these communities, he has helped create more than 300 new parking options in Hillcrest and Mission Hills, along with over 100 spaces in nearby communities.



## Inside City Hall



**Bike Committee:** On July 29, the City Council appointed San Diego's first Bicycle Advisory Committee, which will help make biking a safer and more convenient option for getting around the City. Providing better alternatives to single occupant driving is a part of the Climate Action Plan developed by Council President Gloria, and the Bicycle Advisory Committee will assist in making San Diego a more bike-friendly area. The new committee is comprised of Kyle Heiskala of Hillcrest, Andy Hanshaw of Point Loma, Kathy Keehan of Rancho Bernardo, Michael Brennan of Hillcrest, Nicole Burgess of Point Loma, Petr Krysl of University City, Randy Van Vleck of Golden Hill, and Samantha Ollinger of City Heights. Learn more online: <http://www.sandiego.gov/city-clerk/boards-commissions/bicycleadvisoryboard.shtml>.

**Water-Saving Rebates Available:** The City of San Diego's Public Utilities Department offers Residential Outdoor Water Conservation Rebates. The Department's Water Conservation Division offers a turf replacement program for residential customers. Find additional details online: <http://www.sandiego.gov/water/pdf/conservation/residentialrebateguidelines.pdf>.

**Horton Plaza Park:** Construction on Horton Plaza Park is set to restart in September. The City Council unanimously approved a bigger budget of \$17.7 million for the project in July. The funding was approved by the California Department of Finance. The project includes the restoration of an original plaza and fountain as well as an addition where a retail structure previously existed. Construction is expected to be complete in Fall of 2015.

**Tree Trimming is Back:** The City Council approved a contract with Atlas Environmental on July 28 to trim trees in the City right-of-way. This service was eliminated for a time due to budget challenges, and the Council President prioritized its return now that financial conditions have improved.

**New Project Approved for Little Italy:** On July 14, the City Council unanimously approved a project planned for Date Street between India and Columbia Streets. The project will vacate a portion of Date Street where the developer will construct an 11,200-square-foot public plaza that will be maintained by the Little Italy Maintenance Assessment District. Two buildings will be constructed, which will include parking structures underground.

**Budget Process Complete:** The City Council passed the Appropriations Ordinance and FY 2015 Statement of Budgetary Principles, closing out the Budget Development Process for FY 2015. In light of all the transitions in the past year, it was a smooth and transparent budget season, and Council, members of public, Independent Budget Analyst, and Mayor worked collaboratively to adopt a balanced, reasonable budget that prioritized critical neighborhood services.

## Community Connection: The Todd Squad is Working for You

### Strengthening Public Safety

- Graffiti abatement was performed at five different locations in North Park.
- A table covered in graffiti in Golden Hill Park was repainted.
- Coyote warning signs were installed at Grape Street Park. Neighbors are encouraged to not leave their pets or bowls of food or water outside, as they could attract coyotes from canyons.

### Infrastructure Investment

- A leaking water meter that was flooding parts of the 4500 block of Hawley Blvd. in Normal Heights was repaired.

### Community Character

- Street sweeping hours were changed on Adams Ave. to address parking concerns of business owners. Now no parking will be allowed from 7:00—8:00 a.m. rather than

7:00—10:00 a.m., creating two more hours of available parking.

- A sign in the 1400 block of Ninth Avenue was relocated.
- Water service was restored to the Old Town parking lot for the grass and trees.
- A fire hydrant was moved that was going to be placed directly in front of someone's home, taking away their street parking.
- Equipment was removed from the front of Trolley Barn Park to improve access for the summer concert series.
- A new flag was put up in Presidio Park, replacing an old and tattered one.
- Environmental Services returned to a house on Hamilton Street to pick up a trash can after a missed pick up was reported to the Todd Squad.

## Construction Zone: Golden Hill and South Park

Improving neighborhood infrastructure remains a key priority of Council President Todd Gloria, and Golden Hill and South Park are home to many ongoing infrastructure projects. While they may cause headaches in the short term, the improvements are necessary and will help ensure water and sewer service and a high quality of life for many years to come. Here is a summary of projects going on in the neighborhood.

**25th Street Renaissance Project** will construct pedestrian amenities, traffic calming, hardscape improvements, and parking along 25th Street, from Interstate 94 to Russ Blvd. The focus of the improvements is between E Street and B Street. Highlights include: curb extensions (bulbouts) at each intersection for traffic calming; new sidewalks, driveways, and curb ramps, reverse angled parking along the east side of 25th Street between Broadway and B Street; and restriping of the road to two travel lanes with a center left-turn lane, and addition of Class II bike lanes.

**Sewer and Water Group 693** will replace more than 11,000 feet of sewer main and about 3,000 feet of water main in the South Park area. This project is about 90% complete. Currently crews are working on the area of Hawthorn and Gregory installing the sewer main. This is the final portion of sewer main that needs to be installed. Water main installation is complete with the exception of Pentuckett between Juniper and Ivy. Once that main passes testing it will be charged (connected) and then the process of high line removal will take place. The process of re-paving the streets in this area has begun on Commonwealth, Juniper and Westland.

**Sewer and Water Group 694** will replace more than 9,000 feet of clay sewer pipe with new 8" PVC; rehabilitate more than 3,000 feet of sewer clay pipe, and add 140' of new 8" PVC sewer pipe. It will also replace more than 3,000 feet of cast iron water main with new 8" PVC pipe. This project is about 15% complete. About 2,000 feet of 8" new PVC sewer pipe (including new manholes and sewer laterals) is complete at this point. Street resurfacing is complete on 32nd Street. Street resurfacing on Edgemont from C to B Streets is complete as well as the alley from C to B Streets. In the next couple of weeks the crews will be on B Street installing an 8" PVC main and doing the same in the alleyways.

**Sewer and Water Group Job 695** will replace more than 7000 feet of existing sewer main with new PVC pipe and more than 1800 feet of cast iron water main with new PVC pipe. About 400 feet of 6" and 8" sewer mains will be abandoned. This project is currently about 20% complete. The 8" sewer main and laterals on 30th Street are almost complete. Sewer main and laterals still to be installed on Granada Ave., Grape, Dale and 29th Streets. The 8" and 12" water mains and services still to be installed on 30th and Hawthorn Streets. In the next couple of weeks the sewer main installation on Granada Ave. and Grape Street will begin as well as the lateral installations on Granada Avenue.

**Water Group Job 959** will replace more than 5,000 feet of 16" cast iron water pipe with new PVC pipe. This project is currently about 65% complete. The new main has been installed on B Street between 22nd and 27th Streets. The new water main and water service lines have been installed on 27th between A and B Streets and Ash between 28th and Fern Streets. The next portion to be completed is individual water service lines on B between 25th and 27th Streets and 25th Street between E and G Streets (bridge over 94).





# Mid-City Public Safety Alert

From Council President Todd Gloria

## Be Safe · Be Vigilant · Be a Good Neighbor

Your help is needed to solve the recent attacks that occurred in and near North Park.

There have been five similar attacks in the North Park, City Heights, and Normal Heights communities in the last few months, all involving women walking alone in the evening hours, who were all attacked from behind. There are no confirmed sexual assaults or stolen property, but the attacks have been violent and several of the women were knocked unconscious. There are one to two assailants, and SDPD cannot confirm that these attacks are related.

The sketch of one of the alleged attackers from June 17 depicts a light-skinned Latino, 23 or 24 years old, about 5' 8" tall. He wore a black shirt, a black and white checked long-sleeved shirt and had braces. One of the victims described his companion as Latino, 28 to 29 years old, who spoke with a Spanish accent and wore a hooded sweatshirt.

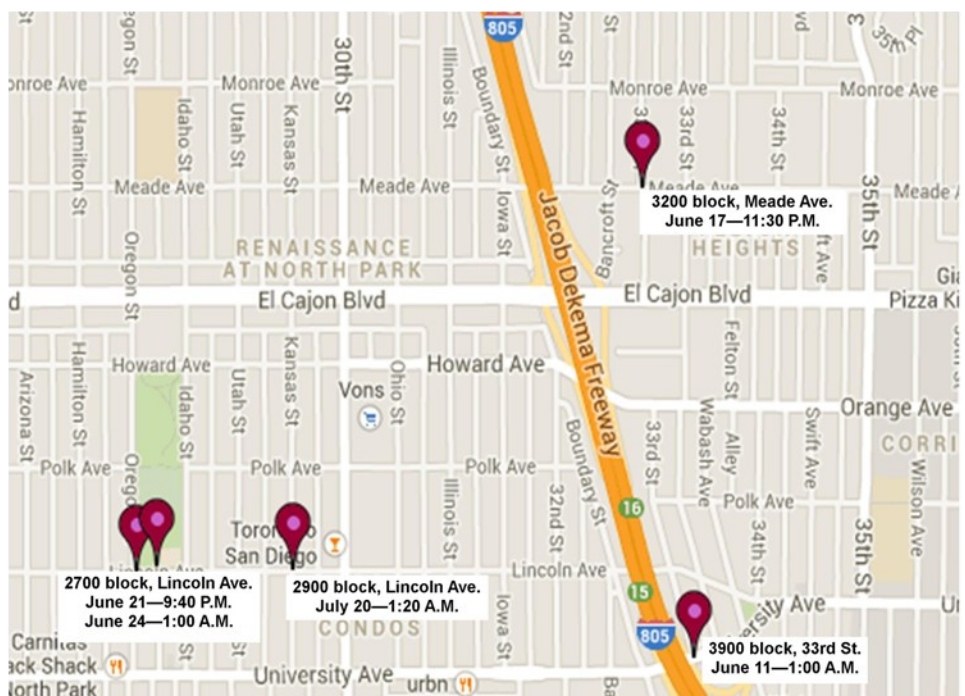


A sketch from June 17 of a sexual assault suspect in Normal Heights.  
(San Diego Police Department)

### Safety Tips

- Avoid walking alone
- Walk with a purpose
- Remain alert and avoid looking down at your phone
- Avoid walking in alleys late at night or in dimly lit areas
- Keep your porch light on to increase lighting
- If you see something, say something
- Spread this information to your neighbors

In the Case Of an Emergency: **911**  
SDPD Mid-City: **619-516-3000**  
SDPD Non-Emergency Line: **619-531-2000**  
Crime Stoppers: **888-580-8477**  
(to leave an anonymous tip)  
Council District 3 Office: **619-236-6633**



# San Diego is the Place to Be for Summer Fun

Comic-Con may be over, but plenty of fun opportunities remain in San Diego.

The San Diego Public Library and The San Diego Museum of Man (SDMoM) are partnering to offer SDMoM “Check It Out!” circulating museum passes, which allow patrons to have all the benefits of a regular museum membership without the price associated with it. Families can check out SDMoM “Check It Out!” museum pass with a valid library card at any San Diego Public Library location starting on August 4. The Central Library and each of the 35 branch libraries will have four passes for checkout. SDMoM is one of three partners participating in the Library’s “Check It Out” program, which includes The New Children’s Museum and the San Diego Museum of Art. With the museum pass, Library patrons receive two weeks of free SDMoM admission for two adults and four children under 18 and 15% discounts at the museum store and SDMoM events, except special upcharged exhibits.

The U.S. Sand Sculpting Challenge and 3D Art Exposition is scheduled for the extended 4-day Labor Day weekend, from August 29-September 1 at a built-for-the-occasion beach on the B Street cruise terminal pier Downtown. The event offers fun for the whole family with live music, food trucks, beer and wine, and a huge sandbox for kids of all ages to practice their sculpting skills. Council President Gloria will hand out awards to the best sand sculpting participants on August 30. More info: [www.ussandsculpting.com](http://www.ussandsculpting.com).



## Mid-City Safety *(Continued from page 1)*

attacked from behind. No sexual assaults or stolen property have been confirmed, but the attacks were violent and several of the women were knocked unconscious.

There are from one to two assailants and it is not yet confirmed if these attacks are related. I'm again including the sketch of an alleged attacker from June 17. It depicts a light-skinned Latino, 23 or 24 years old, about 5' 8" tall. He wore a black shirt, a black and white checked long-sleeved shirt and had braces. One of the victims described his companion as Latino, 28 to 29 years old, who spoke with a Spanish accent and wore a hooded sweatshirt.

With the hope that one of you may recall seeing something that helps solve these crimes, I'm including the date, time, and location of the attacks to the right. Please think back to those dates and help SDPD with their investigation.

Many of the attendees of the forum shared their concerns and many great suggestions were offered by SDPD and residents including:

- Avoid walking alone
- Walk with a purpose
- Remain alert and avoid looking down at your phone
- Avoid walking in alleys late at night or in dimly lit areas
- Keep your porch light on to increase lighting
- If you see something, say something
- Spread this information to your neighbors

I am working with City staff on potential lighting improvements and hope to have an update soon on what may be possible to make our neighborhood safer.

Information and eyes in the community are our greatest resources. The NPCA is soliciting volunteers for its Citizens Patrol and community members interested in volunteering can get more information by contacting NPCA Chair Edwin Lohr via <http://www.northparksd.org/>.

### **Mid-City Incident Details**

June 11, 1:00 a.m.: 3900 block of 33rd St.  
June 17, 11:30 p.m.: 3200 block of Meade  
June 21, 9:40 p.m.: 2700 block of Lincoln  
June 24, 1:00 a.m.: 2700 block of Lincoln  
July 20, 1:20 a.m.: 2900 block of Lincoln

## Minimum Wage *(Continued from page 1)*

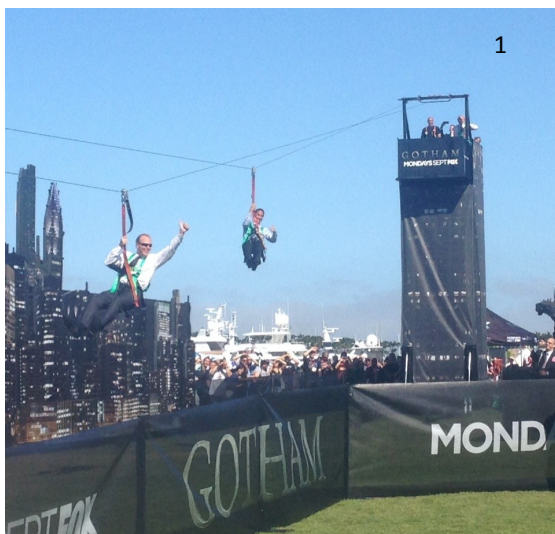
Half of everyone working part-time (less than 35 hours a week) will get a raise. 85% of those earning a raise will be between age 20 and 55; only 5% of those getting a raise would be teenagers.

San Diego is a city where workers are respected and paid fairly. San Diego prioritizes responsible business practices and healthy community members. San Diego is a greater City because of the action we took in July.

The City Council will now develop an enforcement ordinance to ensure the adopted workforce strengthening measure is met.



# Tracking Todd



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1. Todd and the Mayor kick off Comic-Con by zip-lining through Gotham behind the Convention Center. 2. Second place in the Lifeguard Relays was celebrated by Todd and Council President Pro Tem Sherri Lightner. 3. The Todd Squad celebrates Pride. 4. Todd checks out the latest improvements to the North Embarcadero. Along with grand public walkways and public art, District Three favorite Carnitas Snack Shack will soon open a waterfront location there. 5. Along with representatives of the Downtown San Diego Partnership and Clean and Safe, Todd enjoys the completed work at the Children's Park Water Feature Restoration Project. 6. Todd and representatives from the San Diego Housing Commission, U.S. Veterans Administration, and Vietnam Veterans of San Diego announced additional federal housing vouchers for local homeless veterans.

Council President Todd Gloria serves on the following:

Chair, Budget and Government Efficiency Committee  
Member, San Diego Association of Governments Board (SANDAG)  
Chair, SANDAG Transportation Committee  
Member, SANDAG Executive Committee

Member, Metropolitan Transit System Board  
Liaison, Civic San Diego  
Chair, San Diego Regional Continuum of Care Governance Board

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